IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the status of the claims to that as indicated below:

Claims 1-37 (canceled)

38. (currently amended) A barrier section having a first end and a second end, said barrier section comprising:

a comparatively narrow upright portion having one or more projections and one or more recesses at each end of said barrier section, with the number of said projections at the first end of the barrier section corresponding to the number of recesses at the second end of the barrier section and the number of recesses at the first end of the barrier section corresponding to the number of projections at the second end;

a comparatively wide base portion;

a nose defining a convexly curved external surface projecting from said comparatively wide base portion at a first end of said barrier section,[[; and,]] said convexly curved external surface being a surface of rotation of a profile of said comparatively wide base portion;

a cavity defining a concavely curved external surface formed in said comparatively wide base portion at a second end of said barrier section, wherein said concavely curved external surface is a surface of rotation of a profile of said comparatively wide base portion, said projections and recesses being respectively shaped for allowing said

projections to be brought up to recesses of an additional barrier section, said additional barrier section having a substantially identical structure to that of said barrier section, said projections and recesses being mated with one another for enabling a hinge pin to be passed through said projections of said barrier section and said additional barrier section so mated, for articulating said barrier section and said additional barrier section together,

wherein said respective shaped external surfaces of said nose and cavity are shaped for conforming to one another so that when said nose of said additional barrier section is accommodated in said cavity, substantially all of said concavely shaped external surface of said cavity is juxtaposed with said convexly shaped external surface of said nose in any permitted angular orientation of said barrier sections for preventing any gap between said comparatively wide base portion of said barrier section and a comparatively wide base portion of said additional barrier section.

Claim 39 (canceled)

40. (previously presented) The barrier section according to Claim 38, wherein each said projection has a surface that is a surface of rotation and each said recess has a corresponding surface.

41. (currently amended) The barrier section according to Claim 40 wherein said surface of rotation of each said

projection is ~~substantially~~ part-cylindrical.

42. (currently amended) The barrier section according to Claim 40, wherein said surface of rotation of each said recess is ~~substantially~~ part-cylindrical.

43. (previously presented) The barrier section according to Claim 38, wherein each said projection of said barrier section and said additional barrier section includes a bore and, when a first end of an additional barrier section is brought up to said second end of said barrier section, so that the nose is accommodated in said correspondingly shaped cavity, the bores in each said projection are aligned for allowing the hinge pin to be passed through the bores for articulating said barrier section and said additional barrier section together.

44. (previously presented) The barrier section according to Claim 43, wherein said nose includes a bore allowing the hinge pin to pass through the bore of said nose.

45. (previously presented) The barrier section according to Claim 44, wherein said nose includes a dome-shaped recess on an underside thereof for accommodating a dome-shaped cap, so that when a hinge pin is passed through the bore of said nose, said cap engages a lower end of said hinge pin.

46. (previously presented) The barrier section

according to Claim 38, wherein said comparatively narrow upright portion has at least one opening in a side thereof.

47. (currently amended) A modular barrier, comprising:

a plurality of substantially identical barrier sections, each having a first end and a second end; and,

hinge pins for articulating a barrier section of said plurality of barrier sections with an adjacent barrier section for forming said modular barrier, with each said barrier section of said plurality of barrier sections including:

a comparatively narrow upright portion having one or more projections and one or more recesses at each end of said barrier section, with the number of said projections at the first end of the barrier section corresponding to the number of recesses at the second end of the barrier section and the number of recesses at the first end of the barrier section corresponding to the number of projections at the second end; and,

a comparatively wide base portion a nose defining a convexly shaped external surface, <u>said convexly shaped external surface being a surface of rotation of a profile of said comparatively wide base portion</u> projecting from said comparatively wide base portion at a first end of said barrier section;

a cavity defining a concavely shaped external surface<u>, said concavely shaped external surface being</u>

a surface of rotation of a profile of said comparatively wide base portion formed in said comparatively wide base portion at a second end of said barrier section, said projections and recesses being respectively shaped for allowing said projections to be brought up to recesses of an adjacent barrier section, said projections and recesses being mated with one another for enabling a hinge pin of said hinge pins to be passed through said projections of said barrier section and said adjacent barrier section so mated, for articulating said barrier section and said adjacent barrier section together, wherein said respective shaped external surfaces of said nose and cavity are so shaped as to conform to one another so that when said nose of said adjacent barrier section is accommodated in said cavity, substantially all of said concavely shaped external surface of said cavity is juxtaposed with said convexly shaped external surface of said nose in any permitted angular orientation of said barrier sections so to prevent any gap between said comparatively wide base portion of said barrier section and a comparatively wide base portion of said additional barrier section.

48. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 47, wherein said hinge pin is engageable with a dome-shaped cap, said nose of each said barrier section having a dome-shaped recess for accommodating said

dome-shaped cap.

49. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 48, further comprising tension straps for holding together said adjacent barrier sections, said tension straps encircling said adjacent barrier sections and crossing from a first side of each said barrier section to a second side between said adjacent barrier sections.

50. (previously presented) The modular barrier of claim 49, wherein said comparatively narrow upright portion of each said barrier section has grooves for accommodating said tension straps.

51. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 47, further comprising at least one male end piece and at least one female end piece.

Claim 52 (canceled)

53. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 47, wherein each said projection has a surface that is a surface of rotation and each said recess has a corresponding surface.

54. (currently amended) The modular barrier according to Claim 53, wherein said surface of rotation of each said projection is ~~substantially~~ part-cylindrical.

55. (currently amended) The modular barrier according

to Claim 54, wherein said surface of rotation of each said recess is ~~substantially~~ part-cylindrical.

56. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 47, wherein each said projection of said barrier section of said plurality of barrier sections and said adjacent barrier section includes a bore and, when a first end of an adjacent barrier section is brought up to said second end of said barrier section, so that the nose of said barrier section is accommodated in said correspondingly shaped cavity, the bores in each said projection are aligned for allowing the hinge pin to be passed through the bores for articulating said barrier section and said adjacent barrier section together.

57. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 56, wherein said nose includes a bore allowing the hinge pin to pass through the bore of said nose.

58. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 57, wherein said nose includes a dome-shaped recess on an underside thereof for accommodating a dome-shaped cap, so that when a hinge pin is passed through the bore of said nose, said cap engages a lower end of said hinge pin, said hinge pin including a thread for engaging with an opposing thread of said cap for securing said cap to said hinge pin.

59. (previously presented) The modular barrier according to Claim 47, wherein said comparatively narrow upright portion has at least one opening in a side thereof.

60. (new) The barrier section according to Claim 38, wherein said surface of rotation of said nose is obtained by partially rotating the profile of said comparatively wide base portion about an axis co-planar to the profile.

61. (new) The barrier section according to Claim 38, wherein said surface of rotation of the cavity is obtained by partially rotating the profile of said comparatively wide base portion about an axis co-planar to the profile.

62. (new) The barrier section according to Claim 38, wherein said nose has a width that is substantially equal to a width of said comparatively wide base portion.

63. (new) The barrier section according to Claim 38, wherein the cavity has a width that is substantially equal to a width of said comparatively wide base portion.